(b) About 24,000 digital electronics local telephone exchange lines are proposed to be provided in 1987-88 in Maharashtra at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.16 crores.

Shifting of Indian Institute of Advanced Studies

153. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla from Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are suggestions that the functioning of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study could be further improved if it is located at a place where there is a possibility to interchange and interaction with a large number of educational and research institutions.

National Youth Policy

154. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 1755 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have called a conference of State Ministers to discuss national youth policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Meeting of State Ministers incharge of Youth Affairs and Sports is proposed to be held on 9th and 10th June, 1987. The meeting will inter-alia, discuss the draft National Youth Policy.

Exploitation of the Wage Earner Doctors in the C.G.H.S.

155. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Junior Medical Officers under Central Government Health Scheme are appointed on a monthly wage basis, even though these Medical Officers come through rigorous competitive and qualifying tests and examinations and after completing full M.B.B.S. study-course, put in a year of internship and two terms of six months each as Junior Resident Doctors in different Government hospitals; and that their services are terminated for a day after every period of 90 days, even though vacancies continue to exist;

(b) whether the services of these M.Os. are not regularised except through U.P.S.C. competitions even after years of continuing services as wage-earners, nor are they allowed any yearly scaled increments in pay; if so, the reasons therefor in view of Government's labour policy; and whether all this is done only to circumvent some established labour laws or I.L.O. conventions, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the longest period for which a monthly wage Medical Officer has been working in CGHS without regularization of his service; and

(d) whether under any of the health schemes under any Government department, services of such daily/monthly wage doctors are regularised after a certain length of service as a wager, and their wage-service is counted towards seniority also; and whether Supreme Court

or other High Courts have given any directions for regularisation of such wage-doctors, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The appointment of Medical Officers on monthly wage basis is purely a temporary arrangement made to tide over the situation created due to non-availability of doctors through regular channels. The appointment of Medical Officers on monthly wage basis after a break of one day after every spell of 90 days is treated as a fresh appointment and the candidate must be within the age limit of 35 years at the commencement of each fresh spell of appointment.

(d) No, Sir.

Entrance Examination for Medical Studies in the Post-Graduate Medical Institutions

156. DR. H. P. SHARMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of recent judgement of the Supreme Court a definite percentage of seats for post-graduate medical studies in various post-graduate medical institutions are to be filled on the basis of an all India competition irrespective of domicile restrictions as has been done for entrance test to M.B.B.S. courses; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in the matter and by when such first competition would be held, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the directions of the Supreme Court delivered in their judgement dated 21-7-1986, a revised scheme, formulated in consultation with the Medical Council of India, for holding All India Entrance Examination for admission to 25 per cent of the total seats in postgraduate Medical Courses has been submitted to the Supreme Court for approval. Clarifications have also been sought from the Supreme Court on certain points in connection with the All India Entrance Examination.

Meanwhile, pending further clarifications from the Supreme Court steps are being taken by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi to hold the first All India Entrance Examination for admission to Post-graduate Medical Courses for the academic year commencing in 1988.

Location of Schools nearest the Students residences

157. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was made recently by Government to assess the number of school going children in the country;

(b) if so, when and what was the number of such schools going children in the age group of 6 and 14 years;

(c) whether Government are aware that there are a number of places in every State where the parents of children of said age group are unable to send their children to schools, due to the distance involved; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide schools for the children of this age group, nearest to their homes?